AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A 3-hydroxypyridin-4-one compound of formula I:

wherein:

R¹ is X with the proviso that R² is Y;

or

R¹ is T with the proviso that R² is W;

Of

 R^4 is X with the proviso that R^2R^5N when taken together, form a heterocyclic ring selected from piperidinyl, morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl or piperazinyl, wherein the group piperidinyl, morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl or piperazinyl is either unsubstituted or substituted with one to three C_4 to C_6 alkyl groups;

X is C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl;

Y is selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkyl and C_1 to C_6 alkyl monosubstituted with a C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;

T is C₁ to C₆ alkyl;

W is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁ to C₆ alkyl;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁ to C₆ alkyl;

 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_1 to C_6 alkyl; and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is X with the proviso that R² is Y.
- 3. (Original): A compound of claim 2 wherein X is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, Y is C_1 to C_6 alkyl and R^5 is hydrogen or methyl.
- 4. (Currently Amended): A compound of claim 3 wherein X is cyclopropyl, Y is methyl, R³ is hydrogen, R⁴ is methyl and R⁵ is hydrogen, and wherein said compound is 1-cyclopropyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methylamide.
- 5. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising 1-cyclopropyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methylamide and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 6. (Currently Amended): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 5, is which is adopted for oral administration.
- 7. (Original): A compound of claim 2 wherein X is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, Y is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen.
- 8. (Currently Amended): A compound of claim 7 wherein X is cyclopropyl, Y is cyclopropyl, R³ is hydrogen, R⁴ is methyl, <u>and wherein</u> said compound is *N*,1-dicyclopropyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydropyridine-2-carboxamide.
- 9. (Currently Amended): A compound of claim 3 wherein X is cyclopropyl, Y is methyl, R³ is hydrogen, R⁴ is methyl and R⁵ is methyl, and wherein said

- compound is 1-cyclopropyl-3-hydroxy-*N*,*N*,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydropyridine-2-carboxamide.
- 10. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is T with the proviso that R² is W.
- 11. (Original): A compound of claim 10 wherein T is C_1 - C_6 alkyl and W is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl.
- 12. (Currently Amended): A compound of claim 11 wherein T is methyl, W is cyclopropyl, R³ is hydrogen, R⁴ is methyl and R⁵ is hydrogen, and wherein said compound is 3-hydroxy-1,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid cyclopropylamide.
- 13. (Cancelled).
- 14. (Cancelled).
- 15. (Cancelled).
- 16. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a physiologically acceptable carrier.
- 17. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, which is adopted for oral administration.
- 18. (Currently Amended): Use of a compound according to claim 1 in the manufacture of medicament in the treatment of a A method of treating at least one medical condition related to a toxic concentration of iron comprising administering to an animal suffering from said condition a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 4, wherein said at least one medical condition is selected from the group consisting of thalassaemia, sickle cell disease and haemochromatosis.